Poverty alleviation schemes in Orissa

2536. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central schemes that are currently in operation in the State of Orissa for poverty alleviation;

(b) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for watching the performance of these Centrally sponsored schemes; and

(c) the total fund released for these schemes during the last three financial years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally sponsored scheme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on all India basis, including in the State of Orissa, since 1.12.1997. The scheme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under employed poor, through encouraging the setting up of self employment ventures by the urban poor living below the poverty line, and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme of SJSRY is monitored at the Central level through Quarterly Progress Reports received from the State/UT Governments as well as periodical review meetings and field visits by the officers.

(c) The Central funds released under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) to the States of Orissa during the last three years are as under:

(Rupees in Lakh)

State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Orissa	48.91	469.86	808.97

Overseas Indian Investors

2537. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an 'Overseas Indian Facilitation centre' was launched by his Ministry to provide a host of investment and business advisory services to potential overseas Indian investors;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and in how many countries these centres have been established;

(c) the number of applications that were received during the last one year in various centres, Centre-wise; and

(d) whether this programme clashes with the programmes of Ministry of Commerce and Industry in promoting foreign investments in India?